

Carlsbad

May 14 1929

Dear Beautiful Lady

John and I were greatly disappointed not to see you while we were in India. You were so hopelessly far away and we did not learn exactly where until we returned to Europe and Mr Roerich's letter finally overtook us.

You will see by the enclosed envelope what a time the letter had finding us. - We thought you were quite near Simla and took a detour from Lahore with the hope of getting some word at Amballa.

You may remember that my other long search for you, way beyond Darjeeling, was not particularly fruitful. But then I found you well, as beautiful as ever, and apparently prosperous.

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now I am most unhappy  
that your terrific wonderful  
experiences since I last saw  
you in Darjeeling have had  
most unfortunate results.

When we were travelling  
in India we thought that  
you all were coming to  
America this Summer and  
if we missed you we  
should nevertheless make  
up lost time at Wood's Hole  
later on - It is all most  
distressing, dear rare friend.  
But I am somewhat recon-  
ciled that you are taking  
good care of yourself and  
that

gives me hope that somehow  
somewhere, later on, I may  
recover you and hear  
from your own lips your  
great story -

Our  
stay in India was brief, as  
we had difficulty in getting  
steamer accomodation; but  
after Delhi and Agra, I took  
John to Benares - moonlight -  
Gaya, Rajgir - where Buddha  
lived so long and where we  
visited the now visible  
ruins of the famous old  
Buddhist University of  
Kalanda -

We hope to have  
good news of you at New York  
and send you much love  
always devotedly C.R.C

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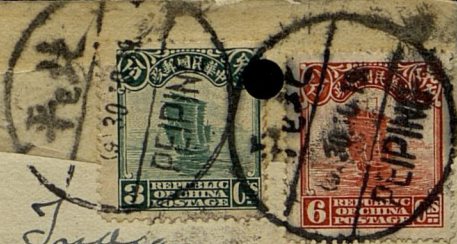
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Dear Mrs R

Please send me a  
little news at  
"Indio California."

Affectionate  
greetings

C. D. C.



India

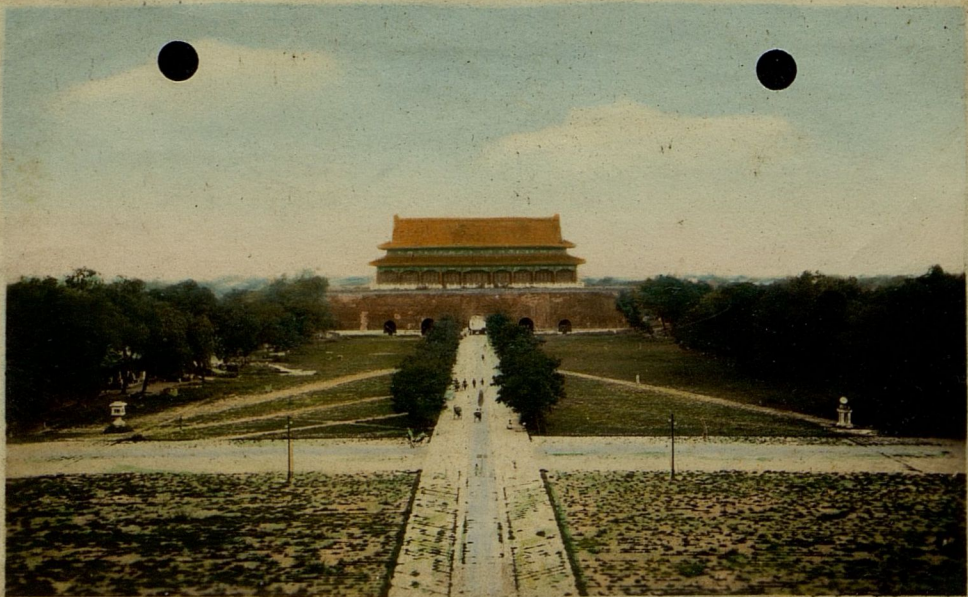
Mrs Roerich

Musabati

Kaggan

Kula Valley

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CARTE POSTALE

Dear Madame Roerich  
I have spent most  
of yesterday and to-  
day with the last  
members of the old  
Russian religious  
colony - fast passing  
into history.

Affectionate  
Easter greetings  
C. R. G.

INDIA

Madame Roerich

Wrusvato

Naggur Kulu

Punjab





115 Jerusalem, Dome of the Rock



Pyramids March 17<sup>th</sup> 5

Dear Beautiful Lady Helen = I am distressed  
at your prolonged illness and also that your  
retreat is so far off my natural lines.  
And the world has been so full for both  
of us the last few years that we could  
have endless hours telling our stories;  
for I should love to hear directly from  
you the story of your own very such life  
since we parted at Darjeeling and I think  
you might like to hear mine. Last  
Autumn I had a rare journey into Japan

Korea and China, where I went to study the spiritual and religious movements since the war and was well rewarded, for I found a great searching for light and a beautiful note of charity among the searchers - while I tried to avoid politics I had to spend one day at Hanking, and that happened to be Sun Yat Sen's birthday - The ceremony was entirely Confucian - I met all of the men in political life, went over their affairs with them and with the result indicated in the enclosed telegrams - The one signed

intimate, <sup>way,</sup> have formed a warm &  
friendship with its most import-  
ant men and <sup>been</sup> drawn into its deep-  
est councils.

I was not well  
last Autumn but the sunshine,  
magic desert air, quieting old  
monuments and traditions and  
Arab hospitality and affection  
have quite healed me and now I  
am on the way home.

Affectionate messages, dear Lady  
Helena, to you and yours  
C. R. C.

Alexandria March 10<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lady Helena: I have been  
a little nearer you but still  
too far away to get into <sup>any</sup> kind  
of touch with you - I am con-  
cerned about you, your condition  
and your spirits and cannot get  
accustomed to the idea of being  
so long without seeing you -  
Latterly I have been seeing much  
of the Moslem world in a very

P. S.

JUNIPER POINT  
WOODS HOLE MASSACHUSETTS

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I went to Russia this Summer  
"to feel" the new Russia and  
am happy with the results=  
I could "feel" the Russians  
coming back, gradually  
getting control of their own

affairs again and definitely  
on the way up. The brutal  
control of the "minor"  
nationalities has passed, never  
to come again

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HOTEL KÖNIGSVILLA  
CARLSBAD

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April 29, 1931

Dear Beautiful Lady Helena

I am still entirely unreconciled  
to your long absence and  
your great remoteness - Are  
you not getting stronger and  
coming back to us soon? You  
are too great a factor in our  
spiritual lives not to be  
fearfully missed - We need  
the inspiration of your  
presence so very much.

Of course beyond all of that  
we are immeasurably distressed  
about your physical state.

Do come back and let us

Take care of you.

I am enclosing you some notes you may like to look over bearing on my last two rich journeys. One gives the story of Kagawa, the wonderful young Japanese Christian who gives a great example of the way a modern lover of Christ ought to live.

I feel that he is just as important a figure in our present day world as Gandhi.

It was worth all my long journey out to the Far East last Autumn to get



This living interpretation of Christian  
 life - The notes  
 were made for me by my travelling  
 companion, Dr Kenneth Saunders,  
 who is one of the worlds im-  
 portant students of Buddhism  
 and the head of the school of  
 Religions at the University of  
 California - He has known and  
 watched over Kagawa for some  
 time - I believe a new  
 and higher form of Christianity  
 is going to emerge under Asiatic  
 conditions and Kagawa is an  
 excellent example of its possibilities.

The other notes give an

account of the interviews with  
the great Arab Sheikh and  
political leader Abdul Aziz  
In Saudi -

I am taking my  
annual Kur here and it always  
refreshes me very much - I  
plan to leave here the 12<sup>th</sup> and  
have a few days on the way to  
Paris Leiden and London,  
speaking in London on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
- Central Asian Society - and sailing  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> for New York -

Affectionate messages to you and  
any members of the family with you  
C. R. C

December 13, 1934

Dear Lady Helene

Your letter from Urusvati has found me all the way out here near my date garden.

I feel it is a great misfortune for me that you and Professor Boerich established the center of your Cult so far away from my date garden. California is just as good as the center of Cults as India. There are just as many Cults to the square mile here as there, and it is rather odd that you have gone to the frontier of Thibet for your center and Erishnamurti has come to California for his center.

The invitation from you to pay a visit is of course very tempting and was reinforced by one that came yesterday from Colonel Bailey to visit him in a Nepal where he is now going. The last time I went to India to see you, going as far away as Darjeeling, the visit was not very satisfactory.

I think that all long voyages for me are in the past and it is going to be difficult even to manage Europe. If you plan at anytime to come as far west as Europe or the United States, be sure to let me know as far ahead as possible.

I try to get to Carlsbad every Spring and that is a comparatively easy journey with the fine new German steamers.

This little valley--Coachella--where our date garden is, is a heavenly place and we are growing the best dates in the world.

Krishnamurti practilly lives on them, for we have worked out a process for keeping them fresh and clean all through the year. It is really a distinctly new fruit, I am sorry you are so far away *that* as I cannot send you some. Madam Haliday is planning to spend the winter in India under the care of the celebrated Moslem Dr. Ansares, where she expects to see much of indian women, and do a good deal of lecturing. Dr. Ansares's winter address is Delhi. Madam Haliday plans to take some of our dates with her.

Please write to me more frequently as you know I am always concerned what you are doing.

*Affectionate messages  
and happy holidays*

*CRA*

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WOODS HOLE MASSACHUSETTS

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July 12 1937

Dear Lovely Lady Helina

It is always good to get a  
message and news from you -  
Please always remember that.  
You know that the last  
time I saw you I had only  
the merest glimpse of you  
at Darjeeling, and I  
had gone so far for that  
glimpse, but you were too  
full of the Tibetan ad-  
venture for me to get your

attention! But a valued  
result of that visit was  
the beautiful much  
cherished painting of  
"Benares by Moonlight."  
Also an indirect result was  
the other even more  
beautiful picture of  
"Kishinjunga" which is  
exactly what I saw soon  
afterward at 4 o'clock  
one morning from  
Bangkok. But

I want to see you and I  
have always wanted to have  
a really good picture of you -  
I have been told that there  
is such a painting in London  
but I have not succeeded  
in finding. Do you think I  
could possibly buy it?

If not perhaps your artist son  
would accept a commission  
to make one for me. I  
greatly prize his talent  
and am happy to have

his "Hobbitan" mother and  
daughter". That and the  
"Kicheiyunga" - the most  
beautiful inspiring sight  
in the world - are to decorate  
our guest house at Palm  
Springs - There also will be  
a rare bust of Krishnamurti  
by the foremost French sculptor  
Bourdelle. The arabesque pict-  
ure interests me greatly - I have  
studied it much and John and I  
spent a whole day at their principal  
Institute at Benares.  
Affectionate messages!

CPO



Juniper Point,  
Woods Hole, Mass.,  
Sept. 6, 1937.

Dear Madame Roerich:

I am very happy about the wonderful way in which Svetoslaf's art is developing. Certainly the Tibetan mother and daughter is a remarkable achievement and I should very much like to have him make a picture of you. The enclosed is for his little painting "Guru Charaka." It is a charming little picture of a subject that interests me greatly.

You are certainly living in an inspiring part of the world and I hope that the climate suits you. Of course we miss you here but I am grateful for your letters giving me news of your important activities which indicate that your exile has not diminished them in any way.

In Russia all possible encouragement is given to the local ethnographic republics to do their utmost with their own art and institutions. They are all under the strictest orders to get a thorough training in the Russian language and institutions. Various old Russians distinguished in literature are being brought forth and the utmost possible made of them. At the particular time I was there it was the Pushkin period.

The period which the Bolsheviki went through condemning everything that was essentially Russian has entirely passed away and there is no trace of that bitter anti-Russian feeling. The new movement has so much vigor that I am sure it cannot be stopped or turned back and the Russian people will come into their own again.

Affectionate greetings to you all,

*Charles R. Crane*

Madame M. de Roerich,  
Naggar, Kulu,  
Punjab,  
British India.